

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on January 22, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)  
Sen. Dan McGee (R)  
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)  
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)  
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)  
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch  
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

**Video-Taped Committees:** This is the video log of a committee hearing. The log provides a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A vide-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 200, 1/20/2003; SB 206,  
1/20/2003  
Executive Action: SB 78, SB 206

**HEARING ON SB 200**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SENATOR BILL GLASER, SD 8, Huntley, opened on SB 200 which would re-establish the current base for grazing leases.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

3:06pm Roy Andes, Mint Rust

**Opponents' Testimony:**

3:07pm Lynn Cornwell, rancher, Valley and Phillips Counties  
**EXHIBIT (nas13b01)**

3:10pm Lee Cornwell, Cornwell Ranch, Glasgow **EXHIBIT (nas13b02)**

3:13pm Robin Kirscher, MT. Cattlewomen

3:13pm Jay Bodner, MT. Association of State Grazing Districts

3:14pm John Bloomquist, MT. Stockgrowers

3:15pm Jim Hagenbarth, Hagenbarth Livestock

3:15pm Steve Roth, IX Ranch

**Informational Testimony:**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

3:16pm Begin

3:40pm Ended

24 min Time elapsed

**Closing by Sponsor:**

3:40pm SEN. GLASER closed on SB 200.

**HEARING ON SB 206**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SENATOR SHERM ANDERSON, SD 28, Deer Lodge, opened on SB 206; an act revising bond release provisions for timber slash fire hazard reduction agreements.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

3:42pm Ellen Engstedt, Montana Wood Products

3:43pm Bud Clinch, Director, MT. Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation

3:44pm Don Allen, Montana Environmental Trade Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

3:44pm Begin

3:48pm Ended

5 min Time Elapsed

**Closing by Sponsor:**

3:48pm **SEN. ANDERSON** closed on SB 206.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 78**

**Vote:** Motion that **SB 78 DO PASS** carried 12-0.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 206**

**Vote:** Motion that **SB 206 DO PASS** carried 12-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:51 P.M.

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SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

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ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (nas13bad)